



## Cheryl J. Smith

October 7, 1950 - May 25, 2024

Cheryl Jo Smith, age 73, of Kearney, passed away Saturday, May 25, 2024 at her home. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2024 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home with Pastor Roger Wendt officiating. Burial will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 30th at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Cheryl began her life on October 7, 1950 in Kearney to Arthur W. and Marian J. (Cornford) Schake. She graduated from Amherst High School in 1969. In 1972, Cheryl had her first daughter Michelle. On October 23, 1976, Cheryl married the love of her life Bradley Dean Smith. From this union, they had a daughter, Sandra, who was born in 1977. Even though they later divorced, Cheryl always had a special place in her heart for Bradley.

Cheryl began her career at Good Samaritan Hospital in 1978 and continued until 2024. She was a very dedicated employee. Cheryl enjoyed meeting and being around new people. She often referred to herself as a “people person”. She enjoyed watching westerns in her free time, and she also enjoyed gardening and making updates to her home. Her home was an object of pride for her.

Left to cherish Cheryl's memory are her daughters Michelle (JJ) Bower of Las Vegas, Nevada and Sandra (Brian) Polhemus of Kearney; siblings, Larry Schake of Kearney, Kent Schake of Denver, Colorado and Janene Schake of Kearney. Cheryl will also leave behind four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Also left to cherish her memory are lifetime friends Jo Borges, Joann Epping, and many others.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Marian, brother Art Schake, niece Heather Schake and ex-husband Bradley Smith.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 31.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral*



**Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services** - May 31, 2024  
at 06:23 PM

BP

“ Brian P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl J. Smith.

**Brian P.** - May 30, 2024 at 02:30 PM

CF

“ Cheryl's Good Samaritan Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cheryl J. Smith.



**Cheryl's Good Samaritan Family** - May 30, 2024 at 01:24 PM

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**Cheryl's Good Samaritan Family** - May 30, 2024 at 01:24 PM

KM

“ *She was so nice she worked with my dad at the hospital she always came over to are house to visit and after my dad passed away she still would come over and visit with my mom and me with that said sending prayers and Big Hugs to family and friends*



Ken Marienau - May 28, 2024 at 12:46 PM

SP

*She loved house visits. I remember her talking to me about your dad.*

Sandra Polhemus - May 28, 2024 at 06:48 PM

MK

“ *So sorry to learn of the death of Cheryl. I worked at the hospital, and always enjoyed seeing her & her friendly smile. Prayers for comfort & peace to her family.*



Monie Karschner - May 27, 2024 at 08:40 PM

SP

*Thank you for the kind words. She enjoyed her work family. When she fell last year. I seen a group of people come together and show nothing but love. Thank you all for being great to my mother.*

Sandra Polhemus - May 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cheryl J. Smith.*



May 27, 2024 at 01:52 PM